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Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt meets participants to Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions

YANGON, 13 Oct —Patron of Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt met participants of States and Divisions who will be taking part in the 12th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions at the National Theatre on Myoma Kyaung Street in Dagon Township this evening.

Also present were Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Soe Win, members of panel of patrons, Chairman of Leading Committee for holding of the 12th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe and members, officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office, heads of departments, members of the work committee, central panel of judges, judges of states and divisions and managers of teams from states and divisions.

Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt, the Secretary-1 and officials cordially greeted participants and managers of teams from states and divisions.

Next, the Prime Minister also greeted central panel of judges and judges of states and divisions.



After the ceremony, the Prime Minister presented tonic to doyen artistes judges of states and divisions who are 70 years and above.—MNA

(Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt cordially meets with participants to 12th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions. —MNA)

Significant development achieved in State in 15-16 years in comparison with conditions in past Arrangements being made for improvement of faculty members' efficiency and turning out outstanding scholars Prime Minister inspects development of Patheingyi

YANGON, 13 Oct — Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt attended the ceremony to donate rice to Sayadaws of monasteries in Patheingyi, at Sasana Beikman in Patheingyi on 11 October morning.

Present were State Ovadaçariya Pyithsimayon Monastery Presiding Nayaka Sayadaw Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Jagariya and Sayadaws, members of the Sangha from 18 monasteries, member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than, Chairman of Ayeyawady Division

Peace and Development Council Commander of South-West Command Maj-Gen Soe Naing, ministers, the Chief of Staff (Navy), deputy ministers, senior military officers, officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office, departmental heads, departmental officials and social organizations.

The Prime Minister and party took the Five Precepts from member of the State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Patheingyi Nyaungbintha Monastery Sayadaw Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Vissuta.

Next, the Prime Minister donated rice and provisions to 91-year-old Nyaungbintha Monastery Presiding Nayaka Sayadaw Bhaddanta Kundala.

Similarly, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than, the commander, the ministers, the Chief of Staff (Navy), the deputy ministers and departmental heads offered alms to the Sayadaws. Later, Sayadaw Bhaddanta Vissuta delivered a sermon, followed by sharing of merits.

Today's donations amounted to 200 bags of rice
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Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt inspects progress in building a pier of Patheingyi Bridge on 11 October.— MNA

Emergence of the State Constitution is the duty of all citizens of Myanmar Naing-Ngan.

PERSPECTIVES

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From regional development to national progress

It being an agro-based nation, Myanmar tries its utmost to strengthen national economic development through the agricultural sector as the base. In this regard, the Government fulfils each and every agricultural requirement in various sectors for boosting agricultural production.

Blessed with excellent geographical features and moderate climate, Ayeyawady Division produces surplus of food especially meat and fish and prawn, resulting in high living standard of local people. The Government takes all necessary measures sector-wise for regional development with a view to ensuring the division to be the nation's granary.

So, the division is to extend as much paddy acreage as possible. By doing so, it can contribute towards regional and national progress and support the paddy surplus for the regions where rice is not sufficient yet.

During the inspection tour of Ayeyawady Division the other day, Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt addressed the meeting with township level departmental personnel, members of social organizations and local senior citizens in Thabaung Township, calling on departmental officials to make harmonious efforts and take a leading role in taking steps for regional development and economic progress and elevating the living standard of local people.

Now, the entire nation has enjoyed unprecedented fruitful results with highways, river and creek crossing bridges, dams and reservoirs and airfields mushrooming across the nation.

For instance, regional development of Ayeyawady Division which seemed adream ten years ago has come true now. All townships of the division have an easy access to Patheingyi and Capital Yangon in a short time. In addition, Patheingyi Airport has been upgraded to a transport facility that can receive jets. The Government's all-out endeavours have enabled the nation to move at speed on the path leading to a peaceful, modern and developed one.

However, anti-government groups and the elements who dance to the tune of Western powers and are so blind to the national progress are manufacturing news as though the nation were in a miserable condition.

Anyhow, all national people are to continue to strive for emergence of a discipline-flourishing democratic nation in conformity with the State's seven-point Road Map that can ensure perpetual existence of the Union based on the spirit of national solidarity and Union Spirit.

Respective administrative bodies, local residents and social organizations are thus to make continued efforts for ensuring regional progress and development of the entire Union.

School uniforms, stationery donated

YANGON, 13 Oct — Myanmar DHL Ltd donated school uniforms and stationery worth K 1 million to MashweU Village Basic Education Primary School in Htantabin Township, Yangon Division, on 10 October. At the donation ceremony, General Manager Mr Sakhone Philangam and staff of Myanmar DHL Ltd presented school uniforms, stationery and prizes to the students. — H



School children of MashweU BEPS receive prizes. — H

People's Desire

- * Oppose those relying on external elements, acting as stooges, holding negative views
- * Oppose those trying to jeopardize stability of the State and progress of the nation
- * Oppose foreign nations interfering in internal affairs of the State
- * Crush all internal and external destructive elements as the common enemy

Culture Minister receives Japanese Ambassador

YANGON, 13 Oct — Minister for Culture Maj-Gen Kyi Aung received Japanese Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Nobutake Odano at the hall of the Ministry this morning.

At the meeting, they cordially discussed enhancing cultural exchange.

Also present at the call were Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Soe Win Maung, Director-General U Myint Thein Swe of the Department of Cultural Institute, Director-General U Nyunt Han of the Department of Archeology, Director-



Minister for Culture Maj-Gen Kyi Aung receives Japanese Ambassador Mr Nobutake Odano. — MNA

General U Kyaw Win of the Fine Arts Department, Rector U Tin Soe of University of Culture (Yangon) and responsible personnel. — MNA

Minister receives Singaporean Ambassador

YANGON, 13 Oct — Minister at the Prime Minister's Office Brig-Gen Pyi Sone received Singaporean Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Simon Tensing de Cruz at the Ministers Office this afternoon.

Also present at the call were Deputy Director-General U Sein Hla and Deputy Director U Htein Win of the Government Office.

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Minister at the Prime Minister's Office Brig-Gen Pyi Sone receives Singaporean Ambassador Mr Simon Tensing de Cruz. — MNA

Myanmar Golf Tour 2004 to be held in Bagan



YANGON, 13 Oct — Bagan Open Golf Championship of Myanmar Golf Tour 2004 to be

jointly sponsored by Myanmar Professional Golfers' Association and Myanmar Golf Federation will be held from October 21 to 24 at Bagan Golf

Course, Bagan. Handicap 0-12 amateur golfers may participate in professional golfers' event. The Bagan bound golfers are to enlist at Han Event Management office by bus, Tel: 542989-723221, not later than 15 October noon.

The golfers wishing to take part in the tour must enlist at Bagan Golf Course Office, not later than 2 pm on 19 October.

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Roads to be closed temporarily

YANGON, 13 Oct — Yangon Mayor's Trophy walk race in commemoration of the 13th International White Canes Day for 2004 will be held on 15 October.

During the period of the walk race, Pyay Road, Phoneygi Road and Maha Bandoola Street will temporarily be closed from 5 to 8 am on that day. — MNA

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Blix says war in Iraq has made terrorism worse

LONDON, 12 Oct — The war in Iraq has put neither Iran nor North Korea off the idea of nuclear weapons and has “stimulated terrorism”, Hans Blix, the former United Nations chief arms inspector in Iraq, said.

“You wouldn’t expect any government to admit that they were wrong,” Blix told BBC radio. “I think, like everybody else, that it is good that Saddam (Hussein) is gone. The world is better off without Saddam. “But the world is not any safer. If this was meant to be a signal to terrorists to stop their activities, it has failed miserably, it has stimulated terrorism.

“And it doesn’t stop proliferation. The Iranians and North Koreans, if they are up to that, they are not stopped by it.

“So I don’t think that any of the aims, except getting rid of Saddam him-

self, have succeeded.”

Blix poured scorn on British Foreign Secretary Jack Straw for justifying the invasion of Iraq, originally based on the premise that Saddam had weapons of mass destruction, on a now watered-down reason that Saddam had the intention of producing such weaponry.

The chief US weapons hunter, Charles Duelfer, found in his 1,000-page Iraq Survey Group report published last week that Saddam had destroyed most of his chemical and biological weapons after his 1991 Gulf War defeat and that his nuclear program had “progressively

decayed”.

But he said the Iraqi leader had hoped to renew his weapons quest if sanctions were lifted.

“When you read Duelfer’s report now you really wonder how dangerous he was,” Blix, a former Swedish foreign minister who led the UN hunt for banned chemical and biological weapons in Iraq before the March 2003 invasion, told the BBC. “OK, he claimed that there were programmes to produce weapons of mass destruction. But he also takes a step back from this and says there were no documented programmes.

“What he has got out

of interrogation of various people who worked with Saddam was rather that ‘well he wanted to, that was probably his intention’ etc, but these are straws I think for Jack Straw to cling to.”

Blix has previously criticized British Prime Minister Tony Blair’s government for “hype” pre-war intelligence about Iraq and denounced US President George W Bush’s war as boosting terrorism and causing more suffering than Saddam’s dictatorial regime had.

Blair admitted in a Labour party speech earlier this month that pre-war claims about Saddam’s threat were wrong, but he and his closest ally Bush have staunchly defended taking Iraq to war.

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1,072 members of US military killed since beginning of Iraq war

BAGHDAD, 12 Oct — As of Tuesday, 12 October, 2004, 1,072 members of the US military have died since the beginning of the Iraq war in March 2003, according to the Defence Department. Of those, 817 died as a result of hostile action and 255 died of non-hostile causes. The figures include three military civilians.

The British military has reported 67 deaths; Italy, 19; Poland, 13; Spain, 11; Bulgaria, six; Ukraine, eight; Slovakia, three; Thailand, two; the Netherlands, two; and Denmark, El Salvador, Estonia, Hungary and Latvia have reported one death each.

Since 1 May, 2003, when President Bush declared that major combat operations in Iraq had ended, 934 US military members have died — 708 as a result of hostile action and 226 of non-hostile causes, according to the military’s numbers as of Tuesday. — Internet



An Iraqi boy views the damage in Fallujah on 12 Oct, 2004 following an overnight air raid by US forces. —INTERNET

Millions of Britons may face poverty in old age

LONDON, 12 Oct — Millions of Britons face poverty in old age unless there are radical reforms to the country’s creaking pension system, analysts said a politically sensitive report is likely to conclude on Tuesday.

The report by the Pensions Commission, set up over a year ago as an independent body by the government, is expected to say that state and private retirement schemes face big shortfalls because of inadequate savings levels and longer lifespans.

The report will also probably say Britain will have to find an additional 57 billion pounds (102.4

billion US dollars) a year to raise pension spending to the European average of around 11 per cent of gross domestic product, according to Monday’s *Daily Telegraph*.

The Commission will make no concrete recommendations on how to tackle these problems until next year.

The state of Britain’s pensions have shot up the political agenda. Rising lifespans mean older voters are likely to be a key constituency for Prime Minister Tony Blair, who has said he will seek a third term of office.

“This report will make the case for change unassailable and give them (the government)

grounds for moving,” Tim Keogh, European partner at Mercer Human Resource Consulting, told *Reuters*.

The Pension Commission under its chairman, Adair Turner, has been asked to look at long-term reforms including the controversial idea of compulsory private saving.

Turner’s report is expected to say that options include the controversial step of tax rises. Options may also involve raising private saving, raising the average retirement age or allowing the number of poor pensioners to grow.

MNA/Reuters

Schroeder, Pakistani PM hold talks on enhancing eco ties

ISLAMABAD, 12 Oct — Pakistani Prime Minister Shaukat Aziz and visiting German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder on Sunday held wide-ranging talks on bilateral and international issues with particular focus on enhancing economic ties and cooperation in terrorism, the official *Associated Press of Pakistan* reported.

The two leaders also discussed Pakistan-India relations, the situation in Afghanistan and the Middle East, counter-terrorism measures, nuclear non-proliferation and Pakistan’s relations with the European Union (EU), the report said.

They also witnessed signing of a financial cooperation agreement for 22.23 million euro (about 27.38 million US dollars) for development of a me-

dium-sized hydropower project.

Talking to newsmen after the signing ceremony at the Prime Minister’s House, Chancellor Schroeder said Germany was taking interest in Pakistan and will hold further talks to seek ways and means to bolster economic cooperation between the two countries.

Schroeder said Germany will also look into ways to help Pakistan in its cooperation with the EU to achieve a level playing field. He said the talks covered some of the aspects, while the rest would be discussed in detail later.

To a question about the global issue of terrorism and whether it was gaining or declining, Schroeder said, “I don’t think that the terrorists are winning.”

MNA/Xinhua



Iraqi police look at a piece of debris following an explosion in the southern city of Basra, some 500 kms from Baghdad recently. —INTERNET

Britain withdraws Iraq weapons claims

LONDON, 12 Oct— Foreign Secretary Jack Straw on Tuesday said British spy masters have formally withdrawn the intelligence that Iraqi troops could deploy some chemical and biological weapons on 45 minutes notice, information used as a rationale for joining the US-led war in Iraq.

MI6's formal withdrawal of the 45 minute notice claim is an embarrassing development for Prime Minister Tony Blair.

The claim featured prominently in a September 2002 intelligence dossier published by the gov-

ernment as it tried to persuade a skeptical public of the need for war. Official inquiries have already criticized the government for not making clear the 45 minute detail referred only to battlefield munitions, not long-range mis-

siles.

The Foreign Office released a note that one of its officials at the United Nations wrote, saying Blix had liked the dossier "and felt it did not exaggerate the facts, nor revert to rhetoric."

Blair's principal reason for joining the US-led offensive was his belief that Saddam had weapons of mass destruction stockpiles. Addressing the Labour Party's annual conference earlier this month, Blair acknowledged that British intelligence was flawed.

"I can apologize for the information that turned out to be wrong, but I can't, sincerely at least, apologize for removing Saddam. The world is a better place with Saddam in prison," Blair said.

Political opponents continue to demand a fuller apology from Blair, however, and say that his confident assertions before the war that Iraq had stockpiles of chemical and biological weapons were misleading when intelligence was patchy at best.

Internet



Local residents arrive to examine a destroyed building in the centre of Fallujah, west of Baghdad, Iraq, on 12 Oct, 2004 following an US airstrike.

INTERNET

First meeting of ASEAN Standing Committee opens in Laos

HANOI, 12 Oct— The first meeting of the 38th ASEAN Standing Committee (ASC) opened in Laos' Vientiane on Monday, according to sources from Laos on Monday.

During the three-day meeting, delegates from 10 members of the Association of the South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN) and the ASEAN Secretariat will discuss measures to promote the cooperative relations between the regional block and its dialogue partners, including China, Japan, South Korea, Australia and the European Union.

It will also evaluate the implemen-

tation of projects jointly undertaken by ASEAN and its dialogue partners.

The ASC is scheduled to discuss ways to increase intra-ASEAN cooperation and review preparations for the 10th ASEAN summit to be held in Laos next month.

ASEAN comprises Vietnam, Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore and Thailand. — MNA/Xinhua

Vietnam economically benefits from ASEM 5's success

HANOI, 13 Oct — The success of the fifth Asia-Europe Meeting summit (ASEM 5) held here on October 8-9 has brought about many bilateral deals, and shortened the way to the World Trade Organization (WTO) for Vietnam. "ASEM 5 is a rare opportunity for Vietnam to convert opportunities into benefits important to the national construction and development. The bilateral relations between the country and ASEM state members are broadened and deepened at an unprecedented level," said a Vietnam News Agency report on Tuesday.

During ASEM 5, Vietnam welcomed four bilateral visits of heads of state and government of four of the country's important partners — China, France, Germany and South Korea, and its leaders had over 30 contacts with heads of state and government of other ASEM members.

The talks and meetings resulted in the signing of more than 40 documents regarding cooperation on such fields as economy, culture, education, science, technology, transport and environment. Specifically, Vietnam inked nearly 20

documents with France, eight with China and many other important accords with Germany, South Korea, Indonesia, Sweden and the European Union (EU).

MNA/Xinhua

EC proposes to reduce level of chemical in meat, sausages

BRUSSELS, 12 Oct — Seeking to improve food safety, the European Commission on Monday proposed reducing the level of cancer-causing chemicals in cured meat and sausages. Nitrites and nitrates, a type of salt, are added to meat to preserve it and stop the growth of harmful bacteria but the chemicals have been linked with cancer. "We are aiming to reduce the use of nitrites and nitrates in meat products while still guaranteeing the safety of these products," EU Health and Consumer Protection Commissioner David Byrne said in a statement. EU governments and the European Parliament have to agree the proposal before it can be adopted. — MNA/Reuters

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Mahathir voices dissatisfaction with development in Iraq

SINGAPORE, 12 Oct— Former Malaysian prime minister Mahathir Mohamad on Monday voiced his dissatisfaction with the development in Iraq, saying that there is literally a civil war going on and more innocent people are being killed and maimed.

Speaking at a public lecture here, Mahathir said that the state of affairs in Iraq now can not truly be said to be better than when it was not democratic.

"Life is more miserable now as everything is in short supply, the utilities are not working properly, and the economy is regressing," he said, adding that "it will take several decades of stability to rebuild Iraq, and there is no way of ascertaining when stability would be achieved".

Mahathir said that the invaders have foisted an undemocratic government on Iraq despite all their talk that they want to achieve a regime change so that Iraq will become democratic and trigger off a wave of change in the Middle East, a part of Asia. Seeing what is happening in Iraq, it is not likely that the other countries would adopt democracy, he added.

MNA/Xinhua

UN proposes overhaul of security system

UNITED NATIONS, 12 Oct— The United Nations proposed on Monday a major 97-million-US-dollar overhaul of its security system with 778 new posts, a response to devastating safety reports after the 2003 bombing of its offices in Iraq.

In a report to the General Assembly, UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan said the world body needed a new directorate of security, based in New York, to unify its myriad safety structures around the world.

"A degree of risk cannot be avoided," he said. "The challenge is to mitigate it."

The report did not give figures but UN sources said Annan, and his deputy, Louise Frechette, wanted to add 778 positions, including 33 in places where there are no security staff. Some 99 posts would be in New York.

The cost of the new jobs as well as needed equipment would be 97 million US dollars.

A year ago, a panel headed by

former Finnish President Martti Ahtisaari, accused the United Nations of a catalogue of security breaches that it said probably cost lives in the August 19 bombing of UN headquarters in Baghdad.

That report blamed security officials and top management in New York and in Iraq for lapses before the August 19, 2003 attack in Baghdad that killed 22 people and injured 150. It called the security arrangements "dysfunctional" and "sloppy".

One problem was that no one was in overall charge. The report proposed a new unit at UN headquarters, headed by an undersecretary-general and including a "threat and risk analysis" section.

MNA/Reuters



British forces seal off the area after a bomb planted in a trash can exploded in Basra, southern Iraq, on 12 Oct, 2004.—INTERNET

Kerry assaults Bush's energy policy

WASHINGTON, 12 Oct — US Democratic presidential candidate John Kerry on Monday attacked the energy policy of President George W Bush, saying the rising gasoline prices were partly a result of Bush's "gross mismanagement" of the Iraq war.

"Last week, gas prices hit a record 53 dollars a barrel and one big reason is because of this president's gross mismanagement of the war in Iraq," Kerry said at a campaign stop in Santa Fe in the battleground state of New Mexico.

"When it comes to developing a real energy policy, George Bush has run out of gas," Kerry told supporters. "The money that you're paying at the pump is going directly from your wallets straight into the hands of the oil companies and the oil producers."

Kerry again slammed Bush's tax break for special interests, rather than the middle-class. "In the past four years,

in nearly every decision has made, George W Bush has chosen the powerful and well-connected over middle class Americans."

Kerry, who has promised to free the United States of dependence on foreign oil in 10 years, touted his energy plan, including increase fuel efficiency and produce alternative sources of energy.

The Bush campaign pointed to Kerry's objection to Bush's proposals to decrease the nation's dependence on foreign oil and develop renewable energy, saying his obstruction of such a policy made his current position "completely hypocritical." — MNA/Xinhua

Jordan calls on world to help raise Iraqis' living conditions

AMMAN, 12 Oct — Jordan urged on Sunday the international community to provide aid to the Iraqi Government and reduce its debts to help raise the living conditions of its people.

Jordanian Planning and International Cooperation Minister Bassem Awadallah made the call during a Press conference jointly held with visiting Iraqi Planning Minister Mehdi al-Hafez.

Awadallah told the

reporters that the Jordanian Government was keen to develop strong strategic relations with Iraq.

Jordan would make efforts to help rebuild Iraq and restore security and stability to it, the Jordanian minister

said.

On his part, the Iraqi minister stressed that a strategic frame has been created between the two countries at political and economic levels to serve the interests of both countries.

MNA/Xinhua

Russian PM hails cooperation with Canada

Moscow, 12 Oct — Russian Prime Minister Mikhail Fradkov said Monday that cooperation with Canada was developing "rather successfully".

Meeting with his visiting Canadian counterpart Paul Martin, Fradkov said both sides maintained a political dialogue and boasted a strong potential in trade and economic relations and other fields.

"Our task is to use this potential in maximum," Fradkov was cited by ITAR-TASS news agency as saying.

Fradkov said trade turnover between Russia and Canada increased by 20 per cent in the first half of this year as compared with the same period of last

year, stressing that investment and business cooperation was developing dynamically.

"Russia has the stable international financial and economic rating and its GDP continues to grow. It proves that Russia is an attractive partner for investments," he said. Fradkov's spokesman Alexander Zharov said after the Monday talks between the two prime ministers that bilateral cooperation in the fuel and energy sector "is very promising"

MNA/Xinhua



Local residents try to extinguish a fire in the centre of Fallujah, west of Baghdad, Iraq, early morning, on Tuesday, 12 Oct, 2004 following an US airstrike. —INTERNET



Iraqis clean up debris in a building in Ramadi, 113 kilometres (70 miles) west of Baghdad, Iraq, on Tuesday, 12 Oct, 2004. —INTERNET

Poll shows Kerry expands leading over Bush

WASHINGTON, 12 Oct — Democratic challenger John Kerry expanded his slight lead over President George W Bush to three points in a tight race for the White House, according to a Reuters Zogby poll released on Monday.

The Massachusetts senator held a 47-per-cent lead over Bush in the latest three-day tracking poll, up two points

from Sunday. Bush's support dropped one point and Kerry's support rose one point in the new poll.

The close race turns up the pressure for Wednesday's final debate in Tempe, Arizona, when the White House rivals will have another chance to make their case to voters on domestic issues.

MNA/Reuters

Agricultural production decreases in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 12 Oct — A scientific study by an Iraqi researcher said Iraqi agricultural production is decreasing and the unused agricultural lands increasing, a local newspaper reported Monday.

The total lands proper for farming in Iraq is about 14.175 million hectares, but only five million hectares are used, accounting for about 28 per cent of the total, said the researcher Hassnaa Nasir Ibrahim. She added the working

power of the Iraqi agricultural sector would not exceed 10 per cent of the total labour market, especially after more and more farmers are immigrating to the city.

These factors influenced the agricultural pro-

duction in Iraq, causing the decrease of agriculture production in addition to a decrease in the agricultural exports to 7 per cent and an increase in the imports to 9 per cent compared with the past years, she noted. —MNA/Xinhua

UNSC backs Annan's plan to cut peacekeepers in Cyprus

UNITED NATIONS, 12 Oct — Security Council members on Monday backed UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan's call for a sharp cutback in the UN peacekeeping force on the divided Mediterranean island of Cyprus, council diplomats said.

Annan last month recommended that the number of UN soldiers on the island be reduced to 860 from the current 1,230 after concluding the security situation had become "increasingly benign" in recent years.

During a closed-door discussion of Annan's findings, none of the Council's 15 members objected to the cutback, and Britain, the Council president for October, said it would draft and circulate a resolution making the cut, diplomats said.

No date was set for a vote, however.

The force, known as UNFICYP, has been in Cyprus since 1964 and patrols a 110-mile "green line" that separates Turkish Cypriots in the north and Greek Cypriots in the south. — MNA/Reuters

Jordan gets grant from Japan for cultural development

AMMAN, 12 Oct — Jordan and Japan signed here Sunday a grant agreement, under which Japan would provide financial support to enhance Jordan's cultural development, the official PETRA news agency reported. The agreement was signed by Jordanian Planning and International Cooperation Minister Bassem Awadallah and Japanese Ambassador to Jordan Koichi Obata.

The Jordanian minister stressed the importance of the 353,000-US-dollar agreement in developing the country's technical and teaching capabilities in the cultural field, saying that the agreement would contribute to promoting bilateral relations between the two countries.

The Japanese ambassador, for his part, stressed his country's commitment to providing financial and technical programmes for Jordan in various fields, with an eye to enhance Jordan's development efforts. The Japanese Government offered 400,000 dollars to Jordan in 2003 within Japan's cultural grant programme.

MNA/Xinhua

ASEAN, China to achieve strong partnerships of mutual growth

SINGAPORE, 12 Oct— There are great potential and opportunities for closer trade and investment relationships between the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN) and China, and both sides can achieve a strong and enduring economic partnership of mutual growth and prosperity, ASEAN chief said on Monday.

Speaking at the Chinese business leaders summit here, ASEAN Secretary-General Ong Keng Yong stressed that China's rise should not be seen as an economic threat but an economic opportunity.

He praised China for helping to shape Asia's new economic structure, saying that, through its desire to have harmonious, peaceful and secure ties with ASEAN, China has set the ball rolling.

"A rapidly growing China is the engine, which powers regional economies and the global economic train. ASEAN member countries will benefit greatly," he said.

Describing the ASEAN-China Free Trade Area (ACFTA) as "an excellent device" in helping the two sides achieve their respective goals, Ong said that beyond economy, the establishment of ACFTA by 2010 will enhance the sense of community within East Asia

and lay the foundation for furthering wider regional economic cooperation and ensuring peace and stability.

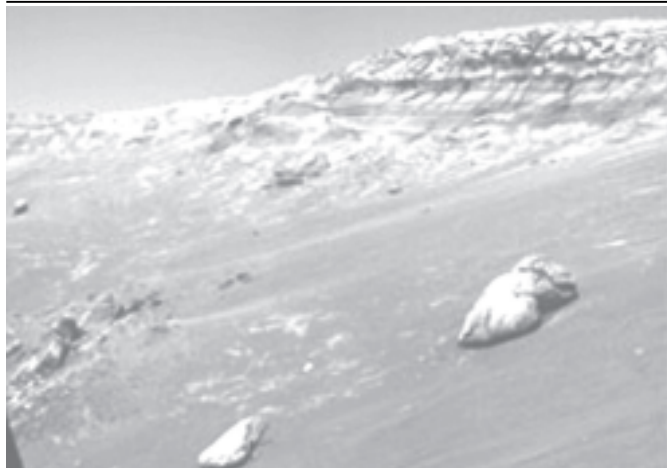
Ong believed that the target set by Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao to increase the trade volume between the two sides to 100 billion US dollars by 2005 will be within reach.

Last year, ASEAN-China trade amounted to nearly 79 billion US dollars, he said, adding that the trade volume is expected to rise to around 90 billion US dollars this year.

Ong congratulated Chinese enterprises and entrepreneurs for making such an impact in China, the region and the world with their competitiveness, resilience and vision.

"Today, they are major players in mercantile and industrial activities almost anywhere. More importantly, they will be significant force in the global economy of the future," he said.

MNA/Xinhua



An image taken by the Mars rover Opportunity, shown by NASA during a Press conference recently.—INTERNET

Malaysia Airlines offers to work with AirAsia

KUALA LUMPUR (Malaysia), 11 Oct — Malaysia's national airline has offered to work with upstart budget competitor AirAsia for mutual benefit, and said it has no immediate plans to launch its own no-frills subsidiary, a newspaper reported on Sunday.

"Of course we can work with AirAsia where it is mutually beneficial," Malaysia Airlines chairman Munir Majid was quoted as saying in the *New Sunday Times*.

He said there is "no problem" between Malaysia Airlines and AirAsia. "If there is, let us not exaggerate it, as that is not a good start for looking into possibilities of cooperation," he said, without elaborating.

Since its launch two years ago, AirAsia has severely cut into Malaysia Airlines' business in the

short-flight regional sector. AirAsia carried 1.8 million passengers last year and expects 3.2 million passengers this year, rising to 6 million in 2005.

The company also plans to increase its number of planes from 17 to 36 by June 2005. He said Malaysia Airlines is providing pilot training facilities and engineering maintenance to AirAsia.

"If we had wanted to throw a spanner in the works, we could have asked them to do all this at some more costly foreign location," he said.

Munir also paid tribute to the rival's growing financial strength.

"I would have loved to have bought into AirAsia, say about 12 months ago. Maybe about 49 per cent," he said, citing a similar stake Singapore Airlines holds in that country's budget carrier, Tiger Airways.

"But the valuation (of AirAsia) is now somewhat richer, and the graph of prospective growth is not as perpendicular as it has been," he said. "Good luck to them and their shareholders".—MNA/AP

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Vietnam, South Korea agree to expand relations

HANOI, 11 Oct — Vietnam and South Korea on Sunday vowed to step up their multi-faceted ties and jointly strive for peace and development in the region.

Vietnamese State President Tran Duc Luong and his visiting counterpart Roh Moo-hyun on Sunday discussed measures to strengthen bilateral relations, including economic cooperation, and exchanged views on regional and international issues of common concern, according to a joint Press release issued by the two countries.

The two leaders agreed that the two countries will beef up their cooperation in all fields, especially in trade, construction, posts and telecommunications, resource exploitation and energy development. Besides such traditional fields as investment, la-

bour and vocational training, South Korea will assist Vietnam in education and healthcare, and import more seafood and farm produce from the country, Roh Moo-hyun said.

Vietnam and South Korea on Sunday signed three documents regarding the establishment of an information technology college in Vietnam's central Da Nang city, the implementation of a solid waste treatment project in the country's northern Ninh Binh Province, and the cooperation between the two countries' ministries of Foreign Affairs.

The two countries will

also strengthen exchanges of high-ranking delegations of their national assemblies as well as delegations from civil societies, said the release.

During the talks, the two presidents agreed that the two countries would boost cooperation for the stability and prosperity in Asia, strengthen cooperation in international forums like ASEAN (the Association of South-East Asian Nations) + 3, APEC (the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation), and the United Nations, and have close coordination so that Vietnam will become a member of the World Trade Organization soon.

MNA/Xinhua

Vietnam to develop automobile industry

HANOI, 12 Oct— The Vietnamese Government has just approved an overall plan on developing its automobile industry by 2010, with the main target of manufacturing more made-in-Vietnam vehicles and raising the proportion of locally-made components in assembled products, according to sources from the Ministry of Industry on Monday.

Under the plan, the automobile industry will meet 40-50 per cent of the local demand for trucks, buses and cars, and 30 per cent of the demand for special-use vehicles in 2005. The respective targets for 2010 are over 80 per cent and 60 per cent in 2010.

Besides, the proportion of locally-made components in trucks, buses and cars will increase to 40 per cent in 2005 and 60 per cent in 2010, and those in special-use automobiles to 40 per cent in 2005 and 60 per cent in 2010. Specifically, Vietnam will focus on producing some kinds of engines, gearboxes, transmission systems and spare parts.

The country plans to record total automobile output of 120,000 units in 2005, 239,000 in 2010 and 398,000 in 2020. The government has recently assigned the ministry to establish three automobile complexes in the northern, central and the southern regions, with the three main producers being the Vietnam Automobile Industry Corporation, the Vietnam Engine and Ag-

ricultural Machine Corporation and the Vietnam Coal Corporation.

Eleven automobile joint ventures with combined annual capacity of 148,000 vehicles in the country recorded total sales of 22,447 units in the first three quarters of this year, a year-on-year decrease of 13 per

cent, due to higher prices of the vehicles mainly caused by higher taxes.

Meanwhile, Vietnam imported 15,000 completely-built automobiles worth 215 million US dollars, up 11.1 per cent in volume, but down 3.7 per cent in value against the same period last year.—MNA/Xinhua



A model presents a creation by US designer Marc Jacobs for Louis Vuitton during the Spring-Summer 2005 Ready to Wear collections presentations in Paris on 10 Oct, 2004.—INTERNET

Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt receives Singaporean guests

YANGON, 13 Oct — Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt of the Union of Myanmar received Mr Albert Hong Hin Kay, Chairman and Managing Director of the (RSP) Architects Planners and Engineers Pte Ltd of Singapore and party at Zeyathiri Beikman, Konmyinthta, here, this evening.

Also present at the call were Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung, Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, Deputy Attorney-General Dr Tun Shin, Director-General U Soe Tint at the Prime Minister's Office and Director-General Thura U Aung Htet of the Protocol Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

In the meeting, they cordially discussed matters related to investment in Myanmar.

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Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt greets Chairman and Managing Director Mr Albert Hong Hin Kay of RSP Architects Planners & Engineers Pte Ltd of Singapore at Zeyathiri Beikman.— MNA



Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt receives Chairman and Managing Director Mr Albert Hong Hin Kay and party of RSP Architects Planners & Engineers Pte Ltd of Singapore at Zeyathiri Beikman.— MNA



Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Maj-Gen Sein Htwa presents gifts to actor U Saw Naing (Shanpyay).— SWD

Film stars who participated in TV play honoured

YANGON, 13 Oct—Film stars were honoured at the Social Welfare Department on Kaba Aye Pagoda Road here this afternoon for their performance in the TV play “Sezar Ei Aryon Oo” telecast by Myanma Televi-

sion to mark the International Day of Older Persons.

Present on the occasion were Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Maj-Gen Sein Htwa, departmental heads, officials and guests.

Minister Maj-Gen Sein Htwa addressed the ceremony and presented gifts to film director Myo Aye (MRTV), actress May Thinzar Oo, actor U Saw Naing (Shan State) and others.— MNA

Paper reading sessions to be held

YANGON, 13 Oct—The Myanmar Academy of Arts & Science is going to organize the fourth paper reading session at the Diamond Jubilee Hall on 22 October morning.

Altogether eight paper reading sessions will be held at Yangon University and Yangon Institute of Economics at the same time.

Interested researchers and scholars may attend and participate in the sessions.

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The Objectives of the 12th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions

- * To vitalize patriotism and nationalism in all citizens
- * To preserve and safeguard Myanmar cultural heritage
- * To perpetuate genuine Myanmar music, dance and traditional fine arts
- * To preserve Myanmar national character
- * To nurture spiritual development of the youths
- * To prevent influence of alien culture



Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi presents prize to an officer in Officer Orientation Training Course.— ENERGY

Officer Orientation Training Course ends

YANGON, 13 Oct—Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi attended the concluding of Officer Orientation Training Course held at No 1 Oil Refinery (Thanlyin) of Myanmar

Petrochemical Enterprise this morning.

Also present on the occasion were managing directors, directors and officials under the ministry.

The Minister gave a speech and presented gifts to outstanding trainees.

Altogether 30 trainees attended the five-week course.

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General Khin Nyunt presents tonic to judges from states and divisions aged 70 and above. (News on page 1)—MNA



General Khin Nyunt greets participants to the performing arts competitions from states and divisions. (News on page 1)—MNA

Government is providing assistance for national development

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and 200 sets of robes to the Sayadaws in Patheingyi.

Next, they proceeded to Patheingyi University where they were welcomed by Rector U Cho and faculty members.

Chairman of Myanmar Education Committee Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt met faculty members of the university. At the hall, Deputy Minister for Education U Myo Nyunt reported on subjects, cooperation of Patheingyi University with international educational organizations, opening of IT centre rooms at the university, strength of staff, academic matters, construction tasks and admission of students to the university in 2004-2005 academic year. The Prime Minister heard reports on requirements and academic and management matters and attended to the needs.

Next, the Prime Minister delivered an address, saying that the Government has been opening and establishing universities and colleges in all States and Divisions to be able to create opportunities for learning of higher education for the youths. At the same time, more subjects have been added to respective courses of the universities and colleges, and masters and doctorate courses were being conducted. Hence, plans are being implemented for filling vacancies of faculty members in order to promote higher education standard.

Especially, the national education promotion four-year special programme began to be implemented about four years ago with the aim of enabling Myanmar education standard to keep abreast of the countries in South-East Asia which are in the forefront in the education sector. Therefore, modern teaching aids including electronic teaching aids, lab accessories and equipment of advanced research works were installed in universities and colleges. Likewise, arrangements are being made for improvement of faculty members' efficiency and turning out outstanding scholars.

Though success in the national education promotion

four-year special programme has been achieved to a certain extent, a lot of tasks remain to accomplish the programme. Nowadays, universities in Myanmar themselves are making arrangements for bilateral cooperation programmes with international universities, exchange of scholars, joint research programmes and inviting scholars from abroad. As the Government is fulfilling modern teaching aids of respective universities for uplift of its education standard, faculty members, on their part, are to speed up concerted efforts in their sector.

Next, the Prime Minister inspected scale models of the convocation hall and the library being built at the

Scholars of NITE of Japan together with faculty members of Patheingyi University could find 1,835 items of micro-organism including 26 items of micro-organism which can be used in production of glucose from rice, potato, maize and tapioca, five items of micro-organism which can fight against insects and various kinds of micro-organism to be used in manufacturing medicines of hypertension, gout, liver and hepatitis B diseases.

university and gave instructions on construction of the buildings on a grand scale. Later, the General cordially conversed with faculty members.

At Biotechnology Development Centre of the university, the General viewed conducting of research works jointly conducted by National Institute of Technology and Evaluation (NITE) of Japan and the Patheingyi University. The Biotechnology Development Centre was established on 15 May 2004 at Patheingyi

University. Research works are being conducted with the use of lab equipment provided by NITE.

In addition, scholars of NITE of Japan together with faculty members of Patheingyi University undertook applying biotechnology research works for production of medicine and personal goods from soil and plants and carrying out research on micro-organism for agriculture purpose. In so doing, they could find 1,835 items of micro-organism including 26 items of micro-organism which can be used in production of glucose from rice, potato, maize and tapioca, five items of micro-organism which can fight against insects and various kinds of micro-organism to be used in manufacturing medicines of hypertension, gout, liver and hepatitis B diseases.

On arrival at Patheingyi Bridge construction project, the Prime Minister heard report by Project in-charge Superintending Engineer U Khin Maung Win on location of the bridge, construction matters and completion of approach structures on both banks of Patheingyi and Kanni. The General attended to the needs and urged officials to make efforts for timely completion of the tasks and meeting the set standards. Next, the General inspected construction of piers.

Afterwards, the commander submitted reports on progress of Patheingyi-Ngathayau Road and Patheingyi-Chaungtha Road. The Prime Minister instructed officials to complete Patheingyi Bridge and approach roads simultaneously.

Patheingyi Bridge will link Mayanchaung Village on east bank of Ngathayau River and Kanni Village on the west. The Bridge is located on Patheingyi-Shwemyintin-Wayah chaung Road. It is of steel frame suspension. The bridge will be 2,140 feet long and it will have a 28-foot-wide motor road and two four-foot-wide pedestrian lanes on both sides. Clearance under the bridge will be 840 feet wide and 33 feet high. It can withstand 75-ton loads.

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Main Building of Government Technical College in Patheingyi. — MNA

Government has been extending international relations for the nation to improve her external relations and to take part in the global affairs with constructive attitude

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On completion, the bridge can contribute to better transport in Ngwehsaung beach, Chaungtha beach and Thabaung region on west bank of Ngawun River and facilitate flow of marine and agricultural products from that region to Yangon and other regions for enhancing economic and social status of the local people.

General Khin Nyunt and party arrived at Government Computer College in Patheingyi where Principal Dr Zabe Phyu and faculty members welcomed them.

At the hall of the college, Principal Dr Zabe Phyu reported on academic matters and subjects, teaching aids, arrangements for development of the college and needs. After hearing reports, General Khin Nyunt attended to the needs.

Next, General Khin Nyunt and party viewed round the students learning at the college.

Afterwards, they proceeded to Government Technological College in Patheingyi.

At the Seminar Room of the college, Principal U Htay Aung reported on location of the college, matters related to teaching and administration, fulfilment of the Ministry of Education, greening tasks and needs for



Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt offers rice and alms to Nyaungbintha Monastery Presiding Nayaka Sayadaw Bhaddanta Kundala on 11-10-2004.— MNA



MEC Chairman Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt inspects Biotechnology Development Centre of Patheingyi University.— MNA

the school. General Khin Nyunt fulfilled the requirements. They viewed the students learning at the college and also inspected Assembly Hall of the college.

There are 650 students and 20 classrooms in the college. Each room has a seating capacity of 50. Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt and party went to the People's Hospital in Patheingyi. Head of Division Health Department Dr Than Aung, Head of Superintendent Dr Khin Maung Tin, specialists, doctors and nurses welcomed them.

General Khin Nyunt and party inspected wards, operation room, Intensive Care Unit, Department of Radiology and fulfilled the requirements.

Afterwards, they proceeded to Town Hall of Patheingyi where they met division and township level departmental officials. At the meeting, General Khin Nyunt gave instructions on matters related to regional development.

Chairman of Ayeyawady Division Peace and Development Council Commander of South-West Command Maj-Gen Soe Naing reported on growing economy in Ayeyawady Division, land utilization, tasks being undertaken to meet a target of 3.6 million acres of monsoon paddy, cultivation of monsoon paddy and summer paddy in 2004-2005, production of 10 major crops and the number of irrigated areas that will

increase if dams and river water pumping stations are completed, livestock breeding, construction work in Ayeyawady Division, production of machines by the industrial zones, and education, health and transport sector in Ayeyawady Division.

Next, Patheingyi District Peace and Development Council Chairman Lt-Col Hla Thwin, Maubin District Peace and Development Council Chairman Lt-Col Sein Maung and Pyapon District Peace and Development Council Chairman Lt-Col Ye Htut also reported on matters related to health, education and transportation in the districts and requirements.

After hearing reports, he attended to the needs sector-wise. Next, General Khin Nyunt presented 21 inches TV each to eight Basic Education High Schools and Shwemyintin BEHS through the respective headmistresses. Next, Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt delivered a speech.

Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt said he had fulfilled requirements for regional development based on reports by officials in the district and township levels. He also said he went to Thabaung, Labutta and Ngaputaw Townships the previous day and fulfilled everything possible for development especially education and health sectors.

He said the government is laying down plans for installation of auto-telephone networks for communications in all the townships in Ayeyawady Division. The government has laid special emphasis on development of Ayeyawady Division. Transport in the division has now improved and there will be better telephone communications in the division soon, he said.

He said the government is providing assistance for national development. Moreover, as the State is providing major requirements region-wise, it is difficult to fulfil all the requirements throughout the country, he added.

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Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt meets local authorities, departmental officials and local people in Patheingyi on 11-10-2004.— MNA

Secretary-2 urges service...

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made in ensuring prevalence of law and order and peace and tranquillity in the country.

Therefore, the Government laid down border areas development project, 24 development regions project and rural development project and is implementing the projects day and night. In the time of the State Peace and Development Council, the Government and national races could build trust between them and are implementing the projects for development of border regions. In carrying out administration, economic, social, health and education sectors, service personnel play an important role. That is why personnel are to discharge their duties conscientiously and to realize Our Three Main National Causes.

Next, the Secretary-2 presented cash assistance and gifts to 15 war veterans of 75 years old and above.

After the ceremony, the Secretary-2 and party arrived at 100 acres of model sugarcane plantation of Muse District in Homon Ward. The Secretary-2 heard reports on cultivation of sugarcane and its cost presented by departmental officials and Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Khin Maung. The Secretary-2 gave necessary instructions and inspected the sugarcane plantation.

They proceeded to the office of Border Trade Department at 105-mile camp in Mongyu Village of Muse Township. In the meeting hall, Director U Win

Myint reported on export and import matters.

Next, the Secretary-2 said that the Government has been providing welfare assistance for service personnel in addition to salaries to enable them to work with peace of mind. Thus, they are required to perform their duty well. As they are the persons helping run the Government administrative machinery for successful realization of the policies and projects, they are important. So, they will have to nurture themselves to become persons observing the codes of conduct and rules and regulations, having high morale and efficiency. They must be free from corrupt practices and bribery, while trying to strengthen their morality and to uplift their qualifications. In addition, they will have to take part the task to ensure the rule of law, community peace, and carry out public welfare services and regional development undertakings.

Officials of Hsenwi Township reported to the Secretary-2 and party on rice production to ensure food sufficiency in the region. The Secretary-2 urged local authorities, departments, local people and social organizations to harmoniously strive for regional development. He said that the Government has been

Government has been implementing long-term and short-term projects to produce human resources, the main requirement for modernization and national development.

implementing long-term and short-term projects to produce human resources, the main requirement for modernization and national development. Thus, teachers, parents and students are urged to play a key role in implementing the projects, he said, urging all the national races to take part harmoniously in the task to materialize the seven-point future policy programme successfully for emergence of a peaceful, modern and developed discipline-flourishing nation.

Hsenwi Township has cultivated 16,544 acres of monsoon paddy including 12,000 acres of Hsinshweli and targeted to grow 2,530 acres of summer paddy. At the regional battalion, the Secretary-2 met with Tatmadawmen and families of the Hsenwi Station. He spoke of the need to uphold Our Three Main National Causes without fail, and to take part in the respective sectors for the successful materialization of the seven-point future policy programme.

At an alternative crop project at the North-East Command, the Secretary-2 and party inspected a 50-acre thitsein plantation, a coffee plantation, a macadamia plantation, an orange plantation, a fish farm and crop fields. They also inspected a 1,000-acre highland cultivation farm, automatic irrigation system, a 200,000-gallon reserve water tank and hydram water pumping method. At the briefing hall, they heard a report on crop cultivation and production presented by officials. They then inspected year-round Hsinshweli fields, double cropping fields and single cropping fields. — MNA

Lt-Gen Ye Myint inspects...

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Later, Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party went to Myitnge Bridge project constructed by Bridge Construction Special Group-12 of Public Works at Milepost No 1/422 on Yangon-Mandalay Highway.

At the briefing hall, Senior Engineer U Soe Min reported on progress of the bridge, completion of sub structure and super structure of the bridge. According to the report, it is expected that the bridge will be completed by December 2004 and will be inaugurated

in March 2005. After attending to the needs, Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party inspected pier Nos 4, 5 and 6 and installation of iron beams. Afterwards, Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party went to Pincha Bridge construction project site at Milepost No 409/5 on Yangon-Mandalay Road in Singaing, Kyaukse District, and inspected completion of approach structure and piers. The bridge is being constructed by Public Works.

Later, they saw over construction of Six lanes Yangon-Mandalay Highway and progress of work.

Next, they inspected Samonpauk Bridge spanning Samonpauk Creek on Myittha-Myingyan

Road in Myittha Township. Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party arrived at Thittatkon Dam on Samonpauk Creek near Thittatkon Village in Myittha Township, Kyaukse District, Mandalay Division, and inspected the sluice gate of it. At the briefing hall, an official reported on a plan to extend irrigated area up to 6,000 acres and extension of old canal up to 15 miles and digging of 13-mile long new irrigation canal.

After hearing reports, Lt-Gen Ye Myint gave necessary instructions. Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party inspected earth work along the canal using machinery, supply of irrigation water to fields through conduit and monsoon paddy cultivation using irrigated water.

Next, they viewed thriving monsoon paddy in Kyauksaukkalay Village in Kyaukse Township. They also inspected crop cultivation with the use of irrigated water near the village.

They also viewed thriving monsoon paddy on 296.99 acres of land in Kanchaw Village in TadaU Township. Later, Lt-Gen Ye Myint inspected 7.9-mile long distributory of Kinda Dam at the entrance to TadaU Airport and gave instructions to officials on greening of the environs of the airport. — MNA

Leading Committee for Holding Coordinated Mekong Ministerial Initiative Against Trafficking (COMMIT) meets

YANGON, 13 Oct.—The Leading Committee for Holding Coordinated Mekong Ministerial Initiative Against Trafficking (COMMIT) held its second meeting at the Ministry of Home Affairs to host the meeting in Myanmar from 27 to 29 October.

It was attended by Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, Minister for Home Affairs Col Tin Hlaing, Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement and for Immigration and Population Maj-Gen Sein Htwa, Minister for Labour U Tin Winn, deputy ministers, the Deputy Chief Justice, President of Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe, Vice-President Professor Dr Daw May May Yee, Director-General of Myanmar Police Force Brig-Gen Khin Yi, departmental heads, MWAFF General Secretary Professor Dr Daw Khin Aye Win,

officials and Deputy Project Manager of regional office of UNIAP Dr Daw Su Su Tha Tun.

Minister Col Tin Hlaing gave an address on the occasion.

Joint Secretary of the Leading Committee Police Brig-Gen Win Myaing reported on progress in implementing the resolutions passed in the first meeting and arrangements; and Dr Daw Su Su Tha Tun, on receiving contact of guests from five foreign countries and preparations for the meeting.

Minister U Tin Winn and Minister U Nyan Win gave advice and made suggestions. Chairmen and secretaries of respective sub-committees reported on work progress and requirements.

Minister Col Tin Hlaing delivered concluding remarks. — MNA



Minister for Home Affairs Col Tin Hlaing addresses coordination meeting of Leading Committee for Holding Coordinated Mekong Ministerial Initiative Against Trafficking (COMMIT) meets. — MNA

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Consignees of cargo carried on MV SEA BRIGHT Voy No (659) are hereby notified that the vessel arrives on 14-10-2004 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the by-laws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11.20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm up to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the vessel.

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Britain faces possible lawsuit by Canada over sub purchase

LONDON, 12 Oct— The British Government is facing the threat of being sued by Canada over a submarine crippled by fire in the North Atlantic.

Visiting Canadian Defence Minister Bill Graham said Monday that Canada could not rule out taking legal action against the British Ministry of Defence. *HMCS Chicoutimi*, a diesel-powered vessel sold to Canada by Britain in 1998, suffered an electrical fire off the northwest Irish coast last Tuesday when it was returning to Canada after repairs in Britain.

Nine of the 54 crewmen were injured and one subsequently died in hos-

pital. Graham told reporters after a visit to the stricken vessel that his government would wait for the results of an inquiry into the fire before deciding whether to file a lawsuit.

Graham, who is expected to hold talks with British Defence Secretary Geoff Hoon later Monday, said Canada is "a great ally of Britain".

"My first duty with respect to Secretary Hoon is to thank him on behalf of the Canadian Navy for the support that the British

Navy gave in these very difficult circumstances," he said.

"There is a board of inquiry. That will tell us what future action we should take. Anything else would be pure speculation," Graham added.

The submarine, one of four secondhand vessels Canada bought from Britain in 1998, had been in Britain to undergo extensive repairs before it left Scotland last week to return to Canada.

MNA/Xinhua

Vietnam considers Japan as its leading partner

HANOI, 12 Oct— Vietnam regards Japan as its leading comprehensive and long-lasting partner, Vietnamese Prime Minister Phan Van Khai said on Sunday when receiving his Japanese counterpart Junichiro Koizumi.

Khai proposed the Japanese Government increase its official development assistance (ODA) for Vietnam, and conclude the bilateral negotiation this year so that the country can join the World Trade Organization (WTO) next year, according to the *Vietnam News Agency* on Sunday.

Specifically, Vietnam hoped to receive non-refundable aid from Japan to upgrade equipment of local hospitals, the foreign country's assistance to

carry out anti-flooding works in the central city of Hue, and Japanese experts to preserve the newly-discovered relics regarding an ancient citadel in the capital city of Hanoi.

Koizumi, for his part, said that Japan would like to see greater development in the Japan-Vietnam relations, especially in the fields of economy, trade and tourism, and that his country totally supports Vietnam's bid for WTO membership.

MNA/Xinhua

Czech, Slovak Air Forces start joint exercise

PRAGUE, 12 Oct— A Joint Czech-Slovak exercise of Air Forces, code-named *Modra hranice* (Blue Frontier), which will end on Thursday and includes 34 pilots, military operators and logistics experts, started on Czech and Slovak territories on Monday.

The Czech Republic is represented by two *MIG-21* fighters and subsonic *L-159s* and both countries use their *L-39 Albatros* aircraft.

Sabina Introvicova from the Czech Army's headquarters in Olomouc, north Moravia, told local media that the exercise should prove both countries' aviation ability of joint action against possible interference in the Czech and Slovak airspace.

The exercise is one of the first visible results of the Joint Sky project, which will present joint Czech-Slovak airspace protection, Introvicova said.

The Joint Sky idea, which originated under the Czech and Slovak defence ministers Jaroslav Tvrdik and Ivan Simko in 2002, is based on the need to cut costs and increase efficiency in both countries' protection.

MNA/Xinhua

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Ministers say Sino-German trade volume to exceed \$50b

BEIJING, 12 Oct — The Chinese and German finance ministers said Monday that trade between the two countries is expected to exceed 50 billion US dollars this year.

In a Press conference Monday night after meeting with visiting German Finance Minister Hans Eichel, Chinese Minister of Finance Jin Renqing said he believes trade between China and Germany will exceed 50 billion US dollars, compared with 41.8 billion US dollars in 2003.

After noting that bilateral trade volume for 2010 is expected to double that of 2003, Jin said the two countries will expand cooperation in the energy sector and in China's efforts to develop the country's vast but impoverished western region and old industrial areas in the northeast.

Eichel said Germany would create a taskforce comprising leading officials of German Finance Ministry, German federal bank and finance supervision department to explore ways to help regulate the Chinese financial market.

Germany will select experts from major German banks to offer advice on reform of China's commercial banks, Eichel said through an interpreter.

The German Finance Minister started his three-day China visit Monday at the invitation of his Chinese counterpart, met with Vice-Premier Huang Ju, and Zhou Xiaochuan, governor of the People's Bank of China, the country's central bank.

During their closed-door meeting Monday night, the two ministers exchanged views on the global economic situation, bilateral financial cooperation and future strategies for Group-20 nations, which include China and Germany.

The German minister, who is scheduled to leave Beijing for Yunnan Province, southwest China, said Germany is thinking of offering assistance to the province.—MNA/Xinhua

London oil prices breach \$50 level for first time

LONDON, 12 Oct— Oil prices on the London market broke through the 50 US dollars per barrel level for the first time during Monday morning trading.

The price of Brent crude on London's International Petroleum Exchange, the benchmark for European imports of Middle Eastern, Russian and African crude, hit 50.22 US dollars a barrel, up 51 cents on the day and 20 US dollars higher than at the start of the year.

Meanwhile, US light crude hit a new high of

53.63 US dollars a barrel, up 30 cents.

Continued high global demand of crude oil and the deteriorating security situation in Nigeria coupled with the aftermath of hurricane Ivan in the oil producing Gulf of Mexico were considered the main forces behind the spiralling price trend.

MNA/Xinhua

Malaysian PM proposes setting up of multi-racial consortium

KUALA LUMPUR, 12 Oct— Malaysian Prime Minister Abdullah Ahmad Badawi on Sunday proposed the setting up of a consortium of companies headed by the various races in the country to seize business opportunities in China, India, West Asia and Africa.

This was practical as

the companies headed by the various races would be a reflection of a consortium which was genuinely Malaysian, representing the various races in the country, the Prime Minister said at the opening of the 51st annual general assembly of Malaysia Chinese Association

(MCA) here.

MCA, the largest political party of the Malaysian Chinese, is one of the 14 component parties of the ruling National Front. The coalition has ruled the nation since its independence from Britain in 1957.

"I believe we can initiate the appropriate

measures to set up a big company like a consortium comprising Malay, Chinese and Indian companies to establish trade ties with China for instance. The same with India...we can have a joint venture, or to West Asia and Africa," Abdullah said.

MNA/Xinhua

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ASEAN pledges to boost coop in combating illegal wildlife trade

BANGKOK, 12 Oct— Ministers from ASEAN members pledged here on Monday to enhance regional cooperation and collaboration in combating illegal trade in wild fauna and flora.

In a joint statement on CITES issued at the 13th Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to CITES, ASEAN members recognized concerted and coordinated actions are needed to address the illegal exploitation and trade in CITES-listed species within the ASEAN region.

They pledged to ensure further cooperation and coordination among all national agencies involved in wild fauna and flora trade law enforcement, including the sharing of intelligence information and the establishment of inter-agency committees.

To achieve more effective control of illegal trade on wild species, the 10-nation bloc also agreed to promote regional cooperation through the establishment of bilateral and multilateral arrangement between enforcement agencies responsible for common boundaries.

"The statement is remarkable not only because it brings together a diversity of nations or its singular focus on the trade in wild fauna and flora, but also

because it will provide an essential and solid foundation for further action and commitments in our region," Suwit Khunkitti, Minister of Natural Resources and Environment of Thailand, told a Press conference on the joint statement Monday.

He said ASEAN members regard the statement as a way of encouraging and facilitating closer engagement among neighbours to combat illegal trade, which has extended beyond borders and jurisdiction.

In a bid to carry out the adopted statement, an ASEAN Regional Action Plan is being formulated with Indonesia spearheading the development of the plan in the near future.

The first to be held in Southeast Asia, the 13th Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to CITES was regarded by ASEAN as recognition of its work in recent years in promoting the conservation and sustainable use of natural resources in the region.

MNA/Xinhua

China can make major contribution to world development

BEIJING, 12 Oct— UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan Monday urged China to play a bigger role in promoting world development and maintain world peace so as to make leading contribution to world development and security.

In a speech at China's elite Qinghua University, Annan said as China's geopolitical weight grows, its share of responsibility for world security also increases.

China's development has an impact on the whole world, which also draws China into new relationship with other parts of the world, he said, noting that China has a stake in the development and prosperity of the wider world.

The Millennium Development Goals were set four years ago, when leaders from all over the world met at the United Nations

headquarters.

Whether the world could reach these goals by 2015 depends in great part on China, Annan said, adding that China, with a huge population and fast economic development, has a big influence on all global statistics.

Annan stated the world leaders will meet next September and check the proceeding of the Millennium Declaration, saying this will be the world's best chance for a breakthrough to address the joint global challenges of development and security.

MNA/Xinhua

Mental health & marital satisfaction linked

HOUSTON, 12 Oct— A person's mental health plays a direct role in maintaining a satisfying marriage, a recent research says.

In a sample of 774 married couples from seven US states, researchers assessed each partners' level of depression and anxiety along with their marital satisfaction to find out if one partners' pathology was associated with his or her view of the relationship and/or the partner's view of the relationship.

The researchers Mark A Whisman, and Lauren M Weinstock, of the University of Colorado in Boulder and Lisa A Uebelacker, of Brown University Medical School examined how much each person's marital satisfaction was predicted by his or her own level of depression and anxiety and/or by his or her spouse's level of depression and anxiety.

According to the research reported on in the October issue of the *Journal of Consulting and Clinical Psychology*

published by the American Psychological Association (APA), each spouse's level of anxiety and depression predicted not only their own marital satisfaction but their spouse's as well. The more anxious and/or depressed either spouse was, the more dissatisfied he or she was with the marriage. Interestingly, depression was found to influence both husbands and wives more than anxiety in how satisfied they felt about the marriage.

But only a spouse's depression level affected the other spouse's marital satisfaction. When a spouse suffers from anxiety, but not depression, the affect on the marital partner was less.

Evidence has shown that people living with a depressed person report feeling more burdened and upset by the person's depressive symptoms, said the authors.

MNA/PTI

Zambia provides ARVs to 15,000 HIV/AIDS patients

LUSAKA, 12 Oct— The Zambian Government has managed to furnish over 15,000 individuals living with HIV/AIDS with life prolonging anti-retroviral drugs (ARVs). Speaking in an interview, Minister of Health Permanent Secretary Simon Miti said the figure surpasses the government target of 10,000 which was to be attained in 12 months.

Miti said the figure is expected to double following the release of a substantial amount of money released by the United Nations (UN) Global Fund and World Bank toward the purchase of more ARVs. He said the availability and accessibility of ARVs would help Zambia's skilled human resources live a little longer much to the benefit of the country.—MNA/Xinhua



Temasek Tower stands tall in the financial district of Shenton Way in Singapore. Singapore's powerful investment agency Temasek Holdings made its accounts public for the first time showing a massive increase in earnings on a blue-chip, multi-billion-dollar global portfolio.—INTERNET



Japanese precision equipment maker Olympus Corp unveils its new digital camera 'i:robe IR-500' atop a hard disk drive storage device in Tokyo on 13 Oct, 2004. — INTERNET

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SPORTS

Three Romanian players banned for failing dope tests

BUCHAREST, 12 Oct—Farul Constanta midfielders Adrian Senin and Iulian Apostol were handed six-month bans and fined 2,000 euros by the Romanian Soccer League (LPF) on Monday for failing dope tests.

The duo tested positive for the diuretic furosemide after a Romanian First Division match in August. Their teammate Mihai Baicu was also banned for six months after he admitted supplying urine for Senin and Apostol to complete their samples because they were unable to supply a sufficient amount.

"The LPF considered Senin and Apostol responsible for failing the dope test, banned them for six months and fined them with 2,000 euros," LPF vice-president Robi Urs told Reuters.

Urs added that the LPF banned Baicu for cheating the LPF investigators but did not fine him.

MNA/Reuters



Bolivia's national soccer team player Luis Cristaldo, right, dribbles past Uruguay's national soccer team player Mario Regueiro during a match valid for the 2006 World Cup Qualifiers at the Hernando Siles Stadium in La Paz, Bolivia, on Tuesday, 12 Oct, 2004. —INTERNET

Juninho ruled out against Colombia with ankle injury

MACEIO (Brazil), 12 Oct—Brazil midfielder Juninho Pernambucano has been ruled out of Wednesday's World Cup qualifier against Colombia with an ankle injury. The Olympique Lyon player appeared to twist his right ankle during Saturday's 5-2 win away to Venezuela in Maracaibo.

"It's a very big disappointment," he told reporters on Monday.

Brazil coach Carlos Alberto Parreira called up Elano of Santos after suffering a fourth midfield casualty for the game. The world champions are already without Edmilon who is out of action for six months after undergoing knee surgery, and Gilberto Silva, who has a back injury. —MNA/Reuters

Venezuela coach pleased with team's performance

MARACAIBO (Venezuela), 12 Oct—Venezuela coach Richard Paez said he was pleased with his team's performance in Saturday's World Cup qualifier even though they lost 5-2 to world champions Brazil.

"Brazil were undoubtedly the better team but I liked Venezuela's attitude and I believe we learned a lot," he said.

"For the first time, we saw a Venezuela team that wasn't afraid of Brazil. We didn't defend, we always went for goal which is our philosophy.

Venezuela have lost all 16 matches they have played against Brazil but Saturday's result was an improvement on their last home match against them four years ago, when they lost 6-0.

They also doubled their tally of goals against Brazil to four when Ruberth Moran scored twice in the last 10 minutes. Brazil took their total against Venezuela to 75.

Brazil striker Ronaldo, who scored two of his team's goals, said he wanted to keep Brazil apart from his club Real Madrid, where he has hit a bad run of form.

MNA/Reuters

Kuijt says Netherlands surrender initiative in Group One

AMSTERDAM, 12 Oct — Dutch goalscorer Dirk Kuijt said the Netherlands had surrendered the initiative in Group One after being held 2-2 by Macedonia on Saturday.

Marco van Basten's team are now fourth in the group with four points despite an impressive 2-0 victory over the Czech Republic in their opening match. They host Finland on Wednesday.

"We played a poor match but then you can't give away an advantage twice on the counter at-

tack," said the Feyenoord player who scored his first goal in his third international.

"We faced problems in getting the ball around and then you hardly create any space. 'Now we have dropped the advantage we had after the good start we had against the Czech Republic.'"

The Netherlands took the lead two minutes before the break after an own goal by Jane Nikolovski only for Macedonia to hit back two minutes later through Goran Pandev.

Pandev also set up Ace Stojkov to level again four minutes after Kuijt's goal.

"We knew beforehand that they would aim for the counter attack and we simply gave them too many opportunities to use their weapon," said Dutch skipper Edgar Davids.

"We didn't underestimate them but we wanted too much too quickly and got restless when it didn't work out."

The match against

group leaders Finland has now become vital for Van Basten's team and he will be without HSV defender Khalid Boulahrouz who is suspended after receiving his second yellow card of the campaign.

But forward Ruud van Nistelrooy will be available again after serving a two-match ban following his abuse of the referee during their semi-final defeat by Portugal at Euro 2004.

Macedonia midfielder Mile Krstev, who plays for Dutch First Division team Groningen, said the point felt like a victory for his country who play Andorra on Wednesday.

"We played well today especially when you consider that Netherlands are fifth on the FIFA ranking and we are only 92nd," Krstev told reporters.

"When a team like Greece can win the European title, why shouldn't we be able to qualify for the World Cup."

MNA/Reuters

Angola edge Zimbabwe 1-0

LUANDA, 12 Oct—Angola striker Flavio scored the only goal against Zimbabwe in a World Cup qualifier on Sunday to take his team to the top of African zone Group Four.

Flavio scored after 52 minutes to give unbeaten Angola their third single-goal home win in the group and leave them with 11 points from five matches at the halfway stage of the campaign.

The 1-0 victory means they lead Nigeria by a point in the standings after the Super Eagles were held to a 1-1 draw in Libreville by Gabon on Saturday.

Flavio's goal, set up by Portuguese-based striker Freddy, was the Petro Atletico striker's second in successive games.

MNA/Reuters

KNVB calls up Theo Lucius for squad

AMSTERDAM, 12 Oct—Netherlands coach Marco van Basten has called up PSV Eindhoven defender Theo Lucius to replace the suspended Khalid Boulahrouz for Wednesday's World Cup qualifier against Group One leaders Finland in Amsterdam.

The Dutch Football Association, KNVB, announced on Sunday that 27-year-old Lucius will make his first appearance in the squad while winger Kevin Bobson has been dropped.

The Dutch won their opening match against the Czech Republic 2-0 but let two points slip in Macedonia on Saturday after twice being pegged back as the match finished in a 2-2 draw.

Finland and Romania lead the group with nine points from four matches followed by Macedonia with four points from three games and the Netherlands with four from two games. —MNA/Reuters



England's soccer manager Sven Goran-Eriksson (2nd R) gives a team talk at the start of training in Baku on 12 Oct, 2004. England are due to play Azerbaijan in their World Cup, European Zone, Group Six qualifier on 13 Oct, 2004. —INTERNET

Trezeguet out of action for three months

ROME, 12 Oct—Juventus French international striker David Trezeguet will be ruled out of squad for three months after a scheduled shoulder operation, the Italian First Division soccer club said on Monday.

The club said Trezeguet faced an operation in Lyon at the Sainte Anne clinic and would be out of action for "a period of around three months".

Trezeguet dislocated his troublesome left shoulder during a match at Udinese earlier this month. He had suffered problems with the same shoulder last season. His strike partner Alessandro del Piero is already sidelined with an tendon injury.

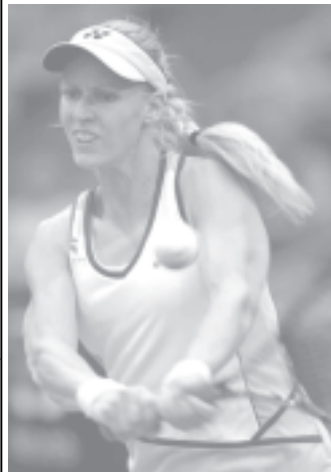
Apart from Swedish striker Zlatan Ibrahimovic the only other forward currently fit at the club is Uruguayan Marcelo Zalayeta.

MNA/Xinhua

Tardelli sacked as Egyptian coach

CAIRO, 12 Oct — Former Italian World Cup winner Marco Tardelli has been fired as coach of Egypt after their surprise defeat in Libya last week, the country's football association announced on Monday.

Tardelli, 50, had been in charge since May, specifically appointed to lead the country's bid to qualify for the 2006 World Cup finals in Germany. Egypt's surprise loss to Libya left the country in fourth place in Group Three, five points behind leader Ivory Coast and with just two wins from their opening five matches. —MNA/Xinhua



Elena Dementieva of Russia returns the ball to Patty Schnyder of Switzerland during the Kremlin Cup ATP/WTB tennis tournament in Moscow, on 12 Oct, 2004. Dementieva beat Schnyder 6-2, 6-3. —INTERNET

MRTV-3
**14-10-2004 (Thursday)
(Programme Schedule)
Morning Transmission
(9:00 - 10:00)**

- 9:00 Signature Tune
Greeting
- 9:02 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Mingalabar"
- 9:06 The Fascinating
Oceanography of
Myanmar
- 9:10 Headline News**
9:12 Thanks to ...Nature
(Solar)
- 9:15 National News**
9:20 The Wonderful
Peikchin Ravine
- 9:25 Aka Han Pyaing Ka
Kyo Myaing
- 9:30 National News**
9:35 Ramayana in
Myanmar (Part - II)
(Conceptions of
Dasarattha's Queens)
- 9:40 Myanmar Modern
Song "Dream of
Ngwe Hsaung"
- 9:45 National News**
9:50 The Conspicuous
Dhammayangyi
- 9:58 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Come and See
Myanmar"

**14-10-2004 (Thursday)
Evening Transmission
(15:30 - 17:30)**

- 15:30 Signature Tune
Greeting
- 15:32 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic

Sights "Myanma
Panorama & Myanma
Sentiment"

15:36 The Fascinating
Oceanography of
Myanmar

15:40 Headline News

15:42 Thanks to ...Nature
(Solar)

15:45 National News

15:50 The Wonderful
Peikchin Ravine

15:55 Aka Han Pyaing Ka
Kyo Myaing

16:00 National News

16:05 Ramayana in
Myanmar (Part - II)
(Conceptions of
Dasarattha's Queens)

16:10 Myanmar Modern
Song "Dream of
Ngwe Hsaung"

16:15 National News

16:20 The Conspicuous
Dhammayangyi

16:25 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Mingalabar"

16:30 National News

16:35 Prawn Breeding In-
dustry in Sea Water

16:40 Welcome To
Shwemyaing
(Mawlamyine)

16:45 National News

16:50 A Journey to Research
Taron Race

16:55 Let - Ah - Hla - Ahka

17:00 National News

17:05 The Unique Pindaya
Shan Paper

17:10 Myanmar Modern
Song "Feel like an
Earthquake"

17:12 Women with Remark-
able Necks

17:15 National News

17:20 Picturesque Views in
Southern Shan State
(Part - II)

17:25 Song of Myanmar

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Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Come and See
Myanmar"

**Evening Transmission
(19:30 - 23:30)**

19:30 Signature Tune
Greeting

19:32 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Mingalabar"

19:36 The Colossal Marble
Buddha Images from
the Sacred Sagyin Hill

19:40 Headline News

19:42 Myanmar Traditional
Handiwork of Casting

19:45 National News

19:50 Japanese Contempo-
rary Clay Work Exhi-
bition

19:55 Ramayana in
Myanmar (Part - I)
(Scene - II) (Naryana)
(Sree Raama to be)

20:00 National News

20:05 Myanmar Traditional
Flower Arrangements
(Decoration with Lac-
quer)

20:10 Myanmar Modern
Song "Gaze Upon"

20:12 Innwa Ancient Capital

20:15 National News

20:20 University For Devel-
opment of National
Races (Sagaing Divi-
sion) (Ywathitgyi)

20:25 Myanmar Modern
Song "This Rain"

20:30 National News

20:35 Pickled Herbal Tea
Leaves of Myanmar

20:40 Myanmar Orchestra
(Thichinkhant)

20:45 National News

20:50 Stone Inscription

20:55 The Unforgettable
Bonfire Dance

20:58 Paper Toys

21:00 National News

21:05 Picturesque Viwes in
Southern Shan State
(Part - I)

21:10 Songs On Screen
"Still Waiting in
sleep"

21:15 National News

21:20 The Art of Making
Paper Toys

21:25 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Myanma
Panorama & Myanma
Sentiment"

Asleep in Jesus
Major Charles Chit Tha (Rtd)

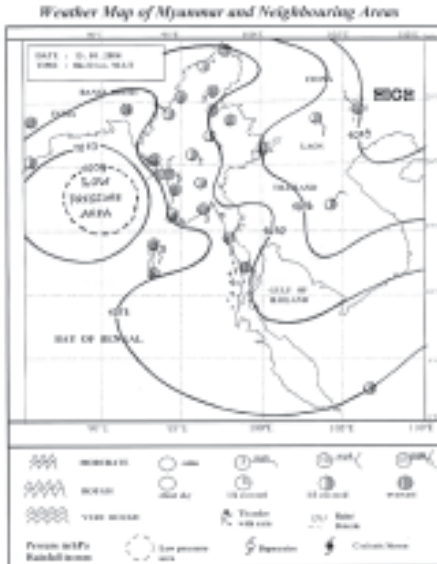
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Major Charles Chit Tha (Rtd) of Building (15), Room (1), U Wisara Housing Estate, Dagon Township, Yangon, son of (U Shwe Min and Daw Win), son-in-law of (Lt.Col. W.C.J. Boudville (Rtd) and Daw Saw Yin), beloved husband of Daw Cissie, loving father of Daw Carole Ann Chit Tha (Professor, Dept. of International Relations, Y.U) — U Michael Khin Mg Latt (Ex-R/O, New Asia Shipping Co.), U Allan Charles Chit Tha (Unitam Shipping Co.) — Daw Kyi Hlaing @ Daw Win Yee (Myanmar Port Authority), Daw Susan Ann Chit Tha — Dr U Myint Swe (State Health Officer-Rtd), (U Vincent Charles Chit Tha) — Daw Khin San Htay, Daw Elizabeth Ann Chit Tha — U Moe Kyaw Swa (Minn Mahar), grandfather of 11 grandchildren, passed away peacefully at 12:45 pm on Tuesday the 12th October 2004. Funeral services will be held at 14:00 hours on Saturday the 16th October 2004 at St.John's Cantonment Catholic Church, and cortege will proceed to Yayway Christian Cemetery, N. Okkalapa for burial.

Buses will leave the above address at 13:30 hours for the funeral services.


**Thursday, October 14
Tune in today:**

- 8.30 am** Brief news
- 8.35 am** Music:
- Bring me to life
- 8.40 am** Perspectives
- 8.45 am** Music:
- Yeh, Yeh, Yeh
- 8.50 am** National news /
Slogan
- 9.00 am** Music: - Mano
- 9.05 am** International
news
- 9.10 am** Music:- Radio
- 1.30 pm** News/Slogan
- 1.40 pm** Lunch time music
- Crazy dream
- Room in your
heart
- Miss you like
crazy
- Forever
- 9.00 pm** Significances of
Myanmar Tradi-
tional Cultural
Performing Arts
Competitions
- 9.10 pm** Article
- 9.20 pm** Pourri
- India's unmann-
ed moon mission
going smoothly
- Showcase for
world modern art
opens in Brazil
- New age auto-
mobiles exhibited
at Paris car show
- 9.30 pm** Favourite songs
chosen by music
lovers
- I love you
- You're
everything
- We've got tonight
- 9.45 pm** News/Slogan
- 10.00 pm** PEL


WEATHER
Wednesday, 13 October, 2004
Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours

MST: During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been scattered in Shan and Rakhine States, Mandalay and Yangon Divisions, isolated in Kachin and Chin States, lower Sagaing Division and weather has been partly cloudy to cloudy in the remaining areas.

Maximum temperature on 12-10-2004 was 87°F. Minimum temperature on 13-10-2004 was 68°F. Relative humidity at 9:30 hrs MST on 13-10-2004 was 89%. Total sunshine hours on 12-10-2004 was nil. Rainfall on 13-10-2004 was 0.08 inch at Yangon Airport, 0.11 inch at Kaba-Aye and 0.51 inch at central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2004 was (111.93 inches) at Yangon Airport, (106.65 inches) at Kaba-Aye and (109.17 inches) at central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was 5 mph from West at (12:25) hours MST on 12-10-2004.

Bay inference: According to the observations at (09:30) hours MST today, the low pressure area over East Central Bay is moving Northward. It may intensify further into a depression. Weather is cloudy in East Central Bay and partly cloudy elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal. **Forecast valid until evening of 14-10-2004:** Rain or thundershowers are likely to be widespread in Rakhine and Chin States and Sagaing Division, scattered in Magway, Mandalay, Bago, Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions and isolated in the remaining States and Divisions. Degree of certainty is (60%).

State of the sea: Seas will be slight to moderate in Myanmar waters. **Outlook for subsequent two days:** Continuation of rain or thundershowers are likely in the Northern Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 14-10-2004: Likelihood of one or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 14-10-2004: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Untimely rainfall warning

(Issued at 10:45 hrs MST on 13th October, 2004)

According to the observations at (09:30)hrs MST today, under the influence of the low pressure area over the East Central Bay of Bengal, rain or thundershowers are likely to be widespread in Rakhine and Chin States and Sagaing Division, scattered in Magway, Mandalay, Bago, Ayeyawady and Yangon Divisions within next (48)hrs commencing noon today.


**Thursday, October 14
View on today:**

- 6:30 am**
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(သုန္ဒရီ) မြန်မာ့အသံတော်လှန်
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ဖွင့်ပွဲအခမ်းအနား တိုက်ရိုက်
ထုတ်လွှင့်မှုအစီအစဉ်
- 8:00 am**
2. Nice and sweet song
- 8:30 am**
3. International News
- 8:45 am**
4. Let's go
- 4:00 pm**
1. Martial song
- 4:15 pm**
2. Song to uphold
National Spirit
- 4:30 pm**
3. English for Everyday
Use
- 4:45 pm**
4. Musical programme
- 5:00 pm**
5. အစောဆုံးတက္ကသိုလ် ပညာရေး
ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ
- ဂုဏ်ထူးဆောင် (ရုပ်ပုံအသံဖြင့်)
(ရုပ်ပုံအသံ)
- 5:15 pm**
6. Cute little dancers
- 5:30 pm**
7. မြန်မာစာ မြန်မာစာကား
- 5:45 pm**
8. "အလင်းတောက်လင်းပြပါ"
စွန့်ခွာစဉ်၊ ရတနာအောင်
ဒါရိုက်တာ-မင်းအောင်စိုး
- 5:55 pm**
9. Musical programme
- 6:10 pm**
10. နိုင်ငံအဝန်း သစ်တောစိုက်ပျိုးခြင်း
စီမံကိန်းအစီအစဉ်
- 6:30 pm**
11. Evening news
- 7:00 pm**
12. Weather report
- 7:05 pm**
13. နိုင်ငံခြားစာတတ်လမ်းတွဲ
"လူမှုနယ်လူကောင်း" (အပိုင်း-၁၅)
- 7:30 pm**
14. အိန္ဒိယအတွက် ဂျာနယ်ဒီ နိုင်ငံရေး
မြန်မာစာတတ်လမ်းအသံ
- 8:00 pm**
15. News
16. International news
17. Weather report
18. ဂုဏ် ခုနစ် ချီသမ္မတကြီး
(သုန္ဒရီ) မြန်မာ့အသံတော်လှန်
အသံ၊ အက၊ အချေ၊ အတီးမြို့ပုံ
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ထုတ်လွှင့်မှုအစီအစဉ်
19. "မိမိမြန်မာအသံလေး"
သုတေသန၊ နိုင်ငံခြား၊ စာသင်တန်း၊
ခင်မြင့်စိုး
ဒါရိုက်တာ-သုတေသန
20. The next day's
programme

Four political objectives

- * Stability of the State, community peace and tranquillity, prevalence of law and order
- * National reconsolidation
- * Emergence of a new enduring State Constitution
- * Building of a new modern developed nation in accord with the new State Constitution

Four economic objectives

- * Development of agriculture as the base and all-round development of other sectors of the economy as well
- * Proper evolution of the market-oriented economic system
- * Development of the economy inviting participation in terms of technical know-how and investments from sources inside the country and abroad
- * The initiative to shape the national economy must be kept in the hands of the State and the national peoples

Four social objectives

- * Uplift of the morale and morality of the entire nation
- * Uplift of national prestige and integrity and preservation and safeguarding of cultural heritage and national character
- * Uplift of dynamism of patriotic spirit
- * Uplift of health, fitness and education standards of the entire nation



Lt-Gen Thein Sein meets members of War Veterans Organization, social organizations and local people in Muse. — MNA

Secretary-2 urges service personnel to help ensure rule of law, community peace, carry out public welfare services, regional development tasks Muse District WVO Supervisory Committee Office opened

YANGON, 13 Oct — Secretary-2 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein, accompanied by member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Aung Htwe of the Ministry of Defence, Chairman of Shan State (North) Peace and Development Council Commander of North-East Command Maj-Gen Myint Hlaing, Deputy Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Brig-Gen Khin Maung, Deputy Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Aung Tun, Deputy Minister for Construction Brig-Gen Myint Thein, Deputy Minister for Home Affairs Brig-Gen Phone Swe, Deputy Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development

Affairs Brig-Gen Than Tun, officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office and departmental heads, arrived at the office of Muse District Supervisory Committee for War Veterans Organization on Lashio-Muse Road in Muse Township on 10 October morning.

First, the ceremony to open the office of Muse District Supervisory Committee for WVO. Chairman of the Supervisory Committee Chairman of Muse District Peace and Development Council Lt-Col Soe Win and Member of the District WVO Maj S Hnin Aung (Retd) formally opened the office.

Chairman of Central Organizing Committee for WVO Secretary-2 Adjutant-General Lt-Gen Thein Sein unveiled the signboard of the office and inspected it. At the city hall, he met departmental officials, members of WVO and social organizations and local people. First, Chairman of Muse District Peace and Development Council Lt-Col Soe Win reported on matters related to the district.

Speaking on the occasion, Lt-Gen Thein Sein said that as the Government placed emphasis on ensuring security, prevalence of law and order and peace and tranquillity of the State, nowadays, progress has been

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Lt-Gen Ye Myint inspects construction of Ayeyawady (Yadanabon), Myitnge and Pincha bridges

YANGON, 13 Oct — Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Ye Myint of the Ministry of Defence on 11 October morning, accompanied by Chairman of Mandalay Division Peace and Development Council Commander of the Central Command Maj-Gen Ye Myint and officials, arrived at Ayeyawady Bridge (Yadanabon) construction project site at on Mandalay bank.

Lt-Gen Ye Myint

and party inspected construction of piers RP3 and RP4.

Next, Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party also inspected completion of the piers, and installation of iron beams. Lt-Gen Ye Myint gave instructions on laying

concrete of the construction of approach road on Sagaing Bank. At the briefing hall of the bridge on Sagaing Bank, officials concerned and Commander Maj-Gen Tha Aye reported on construction of pier RP 6 which will be completed in

January, condition of pier RP 3 and constructions of approach road on Sagaing Bank. After hearing the report, Lt-Gen Ye Myint urged the officials to make efforts for timely completion of the work.

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Semifinals and final of U-21 Tatmadaw Football Tournament to be telecast live

YANGON, 13 Oct — Semifinals and final matches of the 20th Defence Services Commander-in-Chief's Trophy U-21 Tatmadaw (Army, Navy, Air) Football Tournament 2004 will be held in Youth Training Centre (Thuwunna) at 3.30 pm on 15, 16 and 20 October.

The matches will be telecast live on Radio Myanmar and TV Myanmar. — MNA

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Lt-Gen Ye Myint inspects Ayeyawady Bridge (Yadanabon) construction work. — MNA